

Maryland

Fisheries Resource Office

Fact Sheet

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Purpose

Maryland Fisheries Resource Office staff work with public and private partners to protect, restore and enhance fishery and aquatic resources in Maryland. Significant species include striped bass, Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon, American shad, river herring, eel and horseshoe crab.

Management Activities

- Working with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, federal and state agencies, local organizations and Maryland residents to restore, enhance and manage fisheries
- Administering database and tagging programs for Atlantic coast and interjurisdictional fisheries
- Participating in efforts to restore and protect sturgeon populations

- Determining spawning frequency and beach fidelity for horseshoe crabs in Delaware Bay
- Working with partners to control and manage aquatic invasive species

Highlights

Fishery biologists coordinate and manage cooperative tagging programs for striped bass, Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon, American shad, river herring and horseshoe crab to provide information vital to the conservation and management of the species along the Atlantic seaboard.

Issues

Fishery biologists are working with partners to determine presence of the endangered shortnose sturgeon in the Potomac River.

Fishery biologists are working with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to determine sturgeon distribution and movement in the Chesapeake Bay.

Fishery biologists are working with partners to determine the cause and extent of an increased occurrence of sores on striped bass.

Fishery biologists are working with state and federal agencies to study potentially declining horseshoe crab populations in Delaware Bay.



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